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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3721

Application No.: 09/801,699 ✓

Examiner: Louis K. Huynh

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For: PACKAGE SEALING METHOD, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF ELECTRONIC
DEVICE MODULES, SEALING APPARATUS, AND PACKAGED PRODUCTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

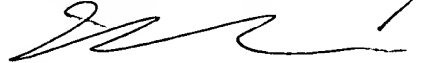
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In reply to the November 27, 2002 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally
elect Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a sealing method, classified in class 53, subclass 477,
with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-22 is
sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims
would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is
respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be
made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and
examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions"
(emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present
application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative
examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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